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Variety of Fresh Meats, Game in season.
Barbecued meat every day.
Near Northwest corner of Square.
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This Will Be Your Opportunity.

Beginning on the 1st of December we will give you the benefit of our low prices on

MENS' CLOTHING.

We have decided not to handle mens' clothing another season, making a specialty of Boys' and Youths' Clothing. This is not a mere advertising scheme, but

A FAIR AND POSITIVE CLOSE OUT.

You can have these goods at absolute cost. We bought these goods cheap, many of them at fifty cents on the dollar, which enables us to make you prices in this line that we or any other house can not afford to do and handle the line regularly. And the cost applies to our Mens Clothing only.

We are Making Very Close Prices on Everything in the House,

but no cost goods outside of the above line. We advise you to make your selection early. because we know these goods will go fast at the price. We have some excellent styles in stock, and those $12.50 and $15 suits will cost you less than $10, and so on down the line that go. We mean exactly what we say, and will positively close out all of our mens clothing with the intention of handling a strong line of boys and youths, so don't miss this.

We have received this week a Full Line of

NEW THINGS IN DRESS GOODS, TRIMMINGS LININGS, SHIRTINGS, DOMESTICS, CALICOS, Etc.

The fact is, we have what you want. We hardly feel it necessary to mention our Shoe Line, being almost exclusive in that line, and recognized as headquarters for Shoes.

Thanking you heartily for your generous support, and anticipating your future business, we are.

Most respectfully yours,

McDOWELL & WHITE,

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LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Mrs. M. E. Harrington of Plano is visiting relatives here.

Henry Rucker, Altoga merchant, was in McKinney Friday.

Eli Morton has accepted the position of clerk in the State Hotel, Denison.

Miss Sue Barnes went to Dallas to visit friends and attend the North Texas conference.

Mrs. R. W. Sandifer and the Misses Weaver visited here from Plano last week.

Dr. M. S. Howell a well known Merit citizen was in McKinney last week.

Miss Lizzie Gullett was the guest of Farmersville friends a portion of last week.

Miss Kate Harvey of Denison visited Miss Ludie Lindsay last week.

Mesdames John Honaker, Fred Everett and Doug Pendleton visited here from Farmersville last week.

P. A. Hawthorn of Waco was the guest of his former schoolmate, C. C. Provine, in this city, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Straughan of Viney Grove visited Dr. W. E. Rucker and family at Richardson the latter part of last week.

R. W. Gribble came up Friday from Fort Worth where he spent several months in the Polytechnic college. He went out to his father's, Rev. Gribble, at Rhea Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alma Wilson returned to Princeton, Friday evening, after spending a week in this city with their sick baby which was under treatment of Dr. J. E. Gibson.

Are You Weak?

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than a special course of medicine. For sale by all dealers.

The Postal Telegraph Co.'s wires in this city are manipulated by John W. Kemp who arrived from Dallas Thursday. The office is at the Foote House and "Tenny" McCowan is messenger boy.

Mrs. W. J. Thurmond gave a Thanksgiving dining, Thursday evening to the following young people: Dr. E. L. Burton and Miss Lizzie Duer, Chas. Frierson and Miss Mai Allen, Rol Stiff and Miss Kate Carrington, Stewart George and Miss Wilma Edwards, Fred Burnett and Miss Allie Dowell, E. S. McChesney and Miss Willette Love, Will Richardson and Miss Bettie Parker, C. C. Provine and Miss Kate Page, W. F. Cobb and Miss Ernie Stiff, S. Weisman and Mr. Lowdy.

A home party was given Thanksgiving evening by Miss Sarah Webb at her father's residence in South McKinney. The pleasures of the evening were heightened by delicious refreshments. The guests were: Dr. Austin T. Bryant and Miss Mai Allen, Dr. George H. Provine and Miss Marguerite Thompson, James A. Key and Miss Mamie Dowell, Will F. Cobb and Miss Lizzie Crouch, Prof. Rymer and Miss Emma King, Richard W. Burrage.

MONTHLY SUFFERING.

Thousands of women are troubled at monthly intervals with pains in the head, back, breasts, shoulders, sides hips and limbs. But they need not suffer.

These pains are symptoms of dangerous derangements that can be corrected. The menstrual function should operate painlessly.

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

makes menstruation painless, and regular. It puts the delicate menstrual organs in condition to do their work properly. And that stops all this pain. Why will any women suffer month after month when Wine of Cardui will relieve her? It costs $1.00 at the drug store. Why don't you get a bottle to-day?

For advice, in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

The following interesting letters were received by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, from thankful women: Mrs. L. A. Adams, Bearden, Tennessee, writes: "I can gladly recommend Dr. Hartman's wonderful remedies. They are all any housewife needs with the books sent free treating on the different ailments. I have used Pe-ru-na for four years and it never fails to give relief if taken in time. Whenever I feel done up it helps me wonderfully. In case of colds, chills, la grippe, if taken in hot water, it acts like a charm. I can recommend it for pains in the back, cold hands and feet. You will save doctors bills by the use of Dr. Hartman's wonderful medicines."

Miss Linnie Wiggins, Berlin Heights, Ohio, writes: "I suffered with catarrh of the nose, head and throat for 3 years. I could get no relief until I began taking Pe-ru-na. I took three bottles. It has done wonders. Independent of curing my catarrh, it has greatly improved my general health. I cannot describe the change. Any one suffering from catarrh and knowing that it can be cured would be very unwise not to take Dr. Hartman's advice. Follow directions. Pe-ru-na does the rest."

Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, for a free book entitled "Winter Catarrh."

Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1898.

Petersburg Institute Program.

Petersburg local institute will meet at Petersburg, Dec. 17 and 18, 1897.

FRIDAY.

9:30 to 10. Organization; election of chairman and secretary.

10 to 11. Factoring—L. C. M. and G. C. D., W. L. Yarbrough.

11 to 12. Physiology, Skeleton, T. D. Simpson.

1 to 2. Reading, Intermediate Grades, W. L. Page.

2 to 3. Algebra, Factoring, G. C. Corry.

Friday night, Exercises by the school.

SATURDAY.

10 to 11. Psychology, to what extent should a teacher prepare, T. W. Longham.

11 to 12. Objections to Our Present Methods of Technical Grammar, A. F. Klutz.

1 to 2. History, when should it be introduced and how taught, J. R. Corry.

2 to 3. Spelling, how should it be taught, Miss Josie Parker.

3 to 4. Discussion of the relations of teacher to pupil and patron, C. C. Cross,

J. W. Wilson, Chm'n. } Com
Miss Clay Haggard, Sec. }
W. W. Shepherd, Co. Supt.

SMALLEST IN THE WORLD.

Minute Electric Motor Made By a McKinney Jeweler, On a Scarf-pin.

The Electrical Review, a Journal of scientific and electrical progress published in New York, contains a cut and description of the smallest electric motor in the world. It was made by McKinney's well known jewelryman D. Goodin, and worn by him to the World's Fair. The extract which appeared in Nov. 24 issue is as follows:

"The accompanying illustration shows what is said to be the smallest electric motor in existence. The illustration shows the motor in its full size. It was made to be worn as a scarf-pin by Mr. D. Goodin, a jeweler and watchmaker of McKinney, Tex. It weighs, complete, one pennyweight and three grains. The front of the motor is of highly polished gold and the commutator segments are also of gold. Viewed from the front the motor presents only a gold appearance. The field magnets are made of two thicknesses of No. 22 sheet-iron scraped down and polished. These are held together with gold screws, and wound with No. 28 silk-covered wire. The armature is of the four-pole type, and is wound with No. 36 wire. The little brushes are of hammered copper, and are, of course, very thin. There is a small gold switch on a black rubber base, made with a pin, to be worn on the lapel of the vest. A small chloride of silver battery, carried in the vest pocket, furnishes current for the operation of the little machine. The motor runs at a very high speed, and its humming can be distinctly heard by any one standing near the wearer. This very interesting machine is now on exhibition in Mr. Good-

ADDRESS TO ALL POPULISTS.

Reorganization Executive Committee Plan a Very Early Campaign

FOR ABSOLUTE PAPER CIRCULATION

Together with the Free Coinage of Gold and Silver—A Meeting Is Called For January.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24.—After an all night session of the national organization committee representing the middle-of-the road faction of the populist party they reconvened behind closed doors. This afternoon Abe Steinberger of Kansas gave out the following address as having been unanimously adopted by the committee:

Recognizing the importance of active aggressive work to the end of lining up all the reform forces for future campaigns, we, the national organization committee of the people's party, hereby call a meeting of said committee at the Laclede hotel, St. Louis, Mo., for Jan. 12, 1898. To the end of restoring perfect harmony in the ranks of the party and effecting a more compact organization, we respectfully invite the national committee of the people's party to meet with us in conference on the above date, appealing to their patriotic sense of duty to aid us in restoring to its once splendid estate our party organization.

Feeling it due to the members of the peoples party to outline the objects of this call, we submit the following:

"We recommend the holding of a national nominating convention on the first Wednesday in April, 1898.

"We recommend the holding of state conventions at which delegates to the national convention shall be chosen on the third Wednesday in March, 1898.

"We recommend that the nominations of congressmen be delayed until after the holding of the national convention.

"We recommend that the platform on which the contest for 1898 and 1900 be waged shall embody the following propositions:

"1. Absolute paper money, based upon every commodity and resource of the nation, full legal tender and receivable for all dues to the United States.

"2. Free coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio; the coin debts of the United States payable in either at the option of the government.

"3. All money to be issued by the government and paid out direct to the people for services rendered, or to be loaned to them at a low rate of interest on safe security, and without the intervention of private banks, provided that the volume of the currency shall not exceed $50 per capita.

"4. Government ownership and operation of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines.

"5. Opposition to alien ownership and holding of land for speculative purposes.

"6. Opposition to court made law.

"7. Opposition to trusts.

"8. We especially recommend the initiative and referendum and the imperative mandate.

Milton Park, the chairman of the committee, said he believed the address embodied the platform on which the people of the United States would stand and give hearty support. At the meeting to be held next January in St Louis Mr. Park said he believed there would be many prominent populists from all sections of the country. Whether or not the national committee would attend, he said, he did not know, but even if it did not his committee would go on and make its own nomination for president in 1900.

THE WAY TO MAKE TEA.

It Should Never be Boiled, and is Best Taken Without Cream

Mrs. S. T. Rorer writes of tea, coffee, cocoa and chocolate in her cooking lesson in the December Ladies' Home Journal. In telling how to best prepare tea she points out that "tannin, the objectionable ingredients of tea, is more thoroughly dissolved by boiling. To get the least tannin we must, then, avoid boiling the tea. The machine-picked teas are undoubtedly more wholesome than the green-colored teas or those dried on copper plates. Frequently, expensive teas—those sold at from ten to twelve dollars a pound—are not so healthful as the cheaper black teas sold at a dollar. Tea should be taken clear or with very little sugar. If taken between meals it may be taken with sugar and cream, but I cannot think of a more injurious or pernicious habit than the drinking of tea with sugar and cream at meal time. If taken with food it prevents mastication, thus creating stomach fermentation.

"To make tea properly first scald the pot, drain and put into it while hot a level teaspoonful of tea to each half pint of water. Pour over the water at the first

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Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

and use at once. The rule in making tea is to allow one teaspoonful of tea for each person and one for the pot. Tea should not, under any circumstances, be made in a metal teapot."

Several Changes in the Cabinet.

Walter Wellman in Chicago Paper.

President McKinley has not as yet selected a successor to Attorney General McKenna. When the first announcement of Justice Field's retirement and Attorney General McKenna's promotion to the bench was made it was said the new attorney general was likely to be Judge Day, now assistant secretary of state Judge Day could have that post if he wanted it, but he has plainly told the president that he does not want it. Judge Day prefers to remain in the state department. The president has taken under consideration a number of gentlemen who have been suggested to him for attorney general, but he has reached no decision. He may not appoint a new attorney general for several weeks.

It is well understood that Judge Day is to be secretary of state when Secretary Sherman gets ready to retire. That Mr. Sherman will retire before long is also well understood. Mr. Sherman has told more than one of his friends that he is not at all eager to remain, and that he welcomes the day when he can give up all cares of public office. But the old man says with a good deal of fire in his eyes that he is not going to quit while the newspapers keep up their comments on his health and his alleged incapacity. He does not intend to run under fire. If the newspapers will let him alone a little while he will be glad to step down to the quiet of private life.

Another possible change in the cabinet in the near future is in the postoffice department. Postmaster General Gary hopes to be chosen senator in Maryland to succeed Mr. Gorman. Mr. Gary has made a most admirable postmaster general. He is an old-fashioned business man, but he has a level head and executive ability of the highest order. The president would be very sorry to lose him from the cabinet, but he realizes that a seat in the senate, if it can be won, might appeal to a man of Mr. Gary's tastes. At any rate Senator Gorman's term does not expire for more than a year yet.

THE DANGER

to which the Expectant Mother is exposed and the foreboding and dread with which she looks forward to the hour of woman's severest trial is appreciated by but few. All effort should be made to smooth these rugged places in life's pathway for her, ere she presses to her bosom her babe.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

allays Nervousness, and so assists Nature that the change goes forward in an easy manner, without such violent protest in the way of Nausea, Headache, Etc. Gloomy forebodings yield to cheerful and hopeful anticipations—she passes through the ordeal quickly and without pain—is left strong and vigorous and enabled to joyously perform the high and holy duties now devolved upon her Safety to life of both is assured by the use of "Mother's Friend," and the time of recovery shortened.

"I know one lady, the mother of three children, who suffered greatly in the birth of each, who obtained a bottle of 'Mother's Friend' of me before her fourth confinement, and was relieved quickly and easily. All agree that their labor was shorter and less painful."
JOHN G. POLHILL, Macon, Ga.

$1.00 PER BOTTLE at all Drug Stores, or sent by mail on receipt of price.

BOOKS FREE Containing invaluable information of interest to all women, will be sent to any address upon application, by THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

PENNYROYAL PILLS

THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1897.

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER E. WILSON, Local Editor.

Congress will convene next Monday.

J. W. Bailey left Monday for Washington, D. C.

The will of widow Brice of Houston contains nearly $2,000,000 of property.

We understand the Snow Hill Alliance has taken on a new impetus and doing good work again.

The Daily Courier issued a special Thanksgiving edition creditable alike to its enterprise and our city.

The McKinney Gazette is preparing to issue a 5000 special Christmas edition containing a write-up of Collin county and its towns.

Populists of Dallas county have met and adopted a plan for thorough organization in the city and county precincts.

C. T. Yerkes the street railway magnate of Chicago, whom editor Stead said served a term in a Pennsylvania penitentiary has bought a controling interest in the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100.

Reuben Bois d'arc Gathers Up Another Batch of Bois d'arc News For Our Readers.

Nov. 29th, '97.

J. B. Johnson and family of Fannin county, are visiting in our community.

Several parties have killed hogs during the past week.

Arthur Stacy of McKinney is going to try farming, he has purchased Geo. Baxter's farm near this place.

This community was well represented at the Bloomdale Literary Friday night.

Vince Roberts paid Grayhill a flying visit one day last week we hope he behaved himself while there.

Dr. Abott was out this way the past week.

R. L. Ray and lady of your city were out here driving Sunday evening.

Jno. Elier of Celina was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arch O'Brien Sunday.

Our school is geeting on nicely. Prof. Burkett has awakened a good interest. He found the community divided, but has got them united.

Thos. Holloway has moved to Sanger, Denton county where he will reside in the future.

Misses Burrus of Vineland visiting Minnie Johnson's Sunday.

Henry Chapman has gone to Sherman to meet McKinley's prosperity; he says it has got that far.

Mr. Breakbill of Bowlby was here Sunday.

Eld. R. C. Horn preached at Vineland Sunday.

N. N. Taylor is still holding his cotton, uncle Henry is sick over it.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Herndon were out this way driving Sunday evening.

Singing at Mr. Burrus's Sunday night.

Dick O'Brien of Cottage Hill was here one night the past week.

Renters are leaving this part—some are going between suns.

Mrs. J. H. Bingham has two renters on her farm that have been there seven and nine years, it seems that in that case there is a good understanding between landlord and tenant.

Jas. Kirkland, Vineland's local horse-swapper, was down this way Sunday.

There is an epidemic of sore eyes in this community.

Miss Kate Chandler was at Collin's capitol Wednesday.

Capt. Ed Stiff was out at his farm one day the past week.

Tog Chandler is still pushing his medical studies we hope he may soon graduate, as a local doctor would be of some benefit in this locality.

REUBEN.

RELIGIOUS.

There are 200,000 white Baptists in Texas.

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Will D. Upshaw, better known as "Ernest Willie," lectured Tuesday night in Farmersville.

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Eld. S. W. Crutcher preached the Union Thanksgiving discourse at Plano. An offering was made for the poor.

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Rector J. E. H. Galbraith will conduct usual worship at the Episcopal church Sunday. Communion services will be celebrated.

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Rev. W. J. McMillan was listened to by a large congregation, Sunday morning, many from other churches being present. His text was taken from 1st Cor. 2:14. After preaching a congregational meeting was held by the members of the flock.

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The union Thanksgiving services in the Farmersville Methodist church were addressed by Rev. J. Frank Smith of Dallas. Also, by Rev. R. L. Phelps. Music was furnished by a glee club assisted by the choirs of the city.

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The "Children of Mary," a society in the Roman Catholic church, celebrates this year its golden jubilee. The society was approved by Pope Pius IX on June 20, 1847. It now numbers 1700 branches and includes 100,000 members.

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Rev. J. L. Morris' friends here will be glad to learn that he was sent to Gainesville by the recent conference. It is a good appointment and the Gainesville Methodists are to be congratulated on getting him.

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The British and Foreign Bible society report that the whole bible has been translated into 107 languages. In addition to these the new testament has been translated into 101 languages, making the number of languages into which it has been translated 208.

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The Dallas Epworth League Union came in a body 150 strong to meet with the Plano Leaguers Monday evening. A reception was tendered them at the Moore House after the services at the church. A special coach was put on the news train to accommodate the party for their return to Dallas at eleven o'clock.—Plano Star.

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Union Thanksgiving services were held, Thursday morning, at the Presbyterian church. Dr. E. E. King of the Baptist church. Eld. S. K. Hallam of the Christian church, Rev. J. H. Wofford of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and Rev. W. J McMillan of the Presbyterian church took part in the services. Rev. Wofford preaching the sermon. Excellent singing by members of all the choirs of the city lent additional interest to the meeting Miss McCracken sang a solo entitled "Forget all Thy Sorrow.' Dr. Bowden also rendered a solo joined in the chorus by Mr. Plemmons, Miss Eula Plemmons and Miss Lula Allison. At the close of the sermon a public offering was taken for the poor of the city.

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The North Texas M. E. Conference in session at Dallas adjourned Monday evening. Rev J. W Hill was sent to McKinney for this conference year just beginning, while Rev. D. J. Martin, for the past two years stationed here, goes to Garland in the Dallas district. Rev. I. S. Ashburn is retained as presiding elder of this the Greenville district. Other dispositions of this district are, Wesley chureh, Greenville, F. A. Rosser; Kavanaugh, Greenville, J. F. Pierce; Farmersville, S. A. Ashburn; Weston, B. H. Bounds and G. W. Day; Bethel, S. W. Miller; Merit, J. B. Adair; Nevada and Josephine, J. M. Nichols; Princeton, H M Pirtle; Floyd, C. W. Glanville; Blue Ridge, Joel S. Graves; Kingston, R. H. Fields; Allen, D. L. Ball; Quinlan, J. M. Langston; Neola, C. A. Carry; Lone Oak, J. H. White; White Rock, C. L. Ballard; I. S. Ashburn, conference missionary secretary.

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Pastor Hallam filled his pulpit at the First Christian church last Sunday, both morning and evening, and had splendid congregations at both services. His morning sermon was from Romans 8:9. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his," and at night from the passage "It is once given to man to die, and then the judgment." All the other services of the church were finely attended, and it was a profitable day to all concerned.

As next Sunday will be the last time the congregation will meet in the old house there will be special services there on that day. It is to be a memorial or farewell meeting. There will be short talks from the older members, songs appropriate to the occasion. All the members are urgently requested to be present.

The following are the leaders and topics for the Y. P. S. C. E. for month of December at the Christian church:

Dec. 5th. Miss Minnie Merrit leader, subject, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister," Matt. 20:20:28.

Dec. 12th. Plummer Harris, leader, subject, "One thing I have learned from Paul's life and writing." (A memory meeting). Acts 9:1-22.

Dec. 19th. Miss Ella Jenkins, leader, subject, "Our sins, and how to get rid of them." Luke. 13:23-30.

Dec. 26th. O. M. Goddard leader, subject, "What message did Christmas bring you." Isa. 58:1-

tion services will appear in this column next week, of the services at the new Christian church on the 2nd, Sunday in December, but will say that Elder Homer T. Wilson, of Fort Worth, will preach the dedication sermon.

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Bob Taylor on Infidelity.

I have wondered a thousand times if an infidel ever looked through a telescope. The universe is a dream of God, and the heavens declare His glory. There is our mighty sun, robed in the brightness of his eternal fires and with the planets forever wheeling 'round. Yonder is Mercury and Venus, and there is Mars, the ruddy globe whose poles are white with snow, and whose other zones seem dotted with seas and continents. Who knows but that this reddish color is only the effect that Mars may now be a paradise inhabited by a blessed race, unsullied by sin, untouched by death? There is the giant orb of Jupiter, the champion of the skies, belted and sashed with vapor and clouds; and Saturn, haloed with bands of light and jeweled with eight ruddy moons, and there is Uranus, another stupendous world speeding on its prodigious circles of tireless journey around the sun. And yet another orbit cuts the outer rim of our system, and on its gloomy pathway, the lonely Neptune walks the cold, dim solitude of space. In the immeasurable depths beyond appear millions of suns, so distant that their lights could not reach us in a thousand years. There, spangling the curtains of the black profound, shine the constellations that sparkle like the crown jewels of God. There are double, and triple, and quad-

commingling their gorgeous hues and flaming like arch angles on the frontier of a stellar space. If we look beyond the most distant star the black walls are flecked with innumerable patches of filmy light like the dewy gossamers of the spider's loom that dot our field at morn. What beautiful forms we trace among these phantoms of light, circles and eclipses and crowns, and shields and spiral wreaths of palest silver. And what are they? Did I say phantoms of light? The telescope resolves them into millions of suns standing out from the ocean of white hot matter which contains the germ of countless systems yet to be. And so far removed from us are these suns, that the light which comes to us from them tonight has been speeding on its way for more than two million years.

What is that white belt we call

heavens and sparkles like a Sahara of diamonds? It is a river of stars, it is a gulf stream of suns, and if each of the suns hold in its grasp a mighty stream of planets, as ours does, how many millions of worlds like our own are now circling in that unmeasurable concouse!

Oh, where are the bounds of this divine conception? And is there no life and intelligence in all this throng of spheres? Are there no sails on those far away summer seas, no wings to cleave those crystal airs, no forms divine to walk those radiant fields? Are there no eyes to see those floods of light, no hearts to share with ours that love which holds all these mighty orbs of space?

It cannot be, it cannot be! surely there is a God! If there is not, life is a dream, human experience is a phantom, the universe is a dreadful lie.

VERONA VOICE.

Christmas Tree Will Be Given—An Elopement.

Verona, Nov. 29th '97.

After two months absence T. L. Bailey is home again.

M. N. and A. C. Stroup have just completed a residence for C. W. Noyes, northeast of McKinney.

J. A. Carter is recovering from a spell of chills and fever.

Pink J. Lee, one of the necessary adjuncts of the establishment of J. W. St. Clair in Blue Ridge, was doing Verona yesterday.

Miss Minerva Glass the efficient teacher of Needmore school paid our singing school a visit one night last week.

Whenever Verona speaks something happens. The Sunday school has spoken and a great big

the past after Dec. 24th. The people in general are invited to assist in making it a success by placing something on it for their friends and relatives.

Miss Muril Stewart and Jas. B. Aycock eloped Saturday night, got married returning in time next morning to recite their Sunday school lessons. Their action is commendable. They are domiciled under the parental roof and the angel of peace has made her nestin the home.

P. W. LEIGH.

Terrible Sores

Could Not Walk for Nearly a Year—Trouble Pronounced to be Cancerous Affection and Incurable—Completely Cured by Hood's.

"I had terrible sores on one of my feet. I was attended by a physician, but it availed nothing and he advised an operation. At Little Rock my foot was operated on and the trouble was pronounced to be cancerous affection and incurable. I grew worse and expected to lose my foot. I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and in a short time my foot improved. I kept on taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I am sound and well and my foot does not trouble me at all. My blood is pure and I was never in better health." James C. Pamm, Clarksville, Arkansas.

Hood's

A Sale in Rings and a Ringin' Sale!

A SALE in wrings, and still a sale not in rings, but surely a **wringing** sale. It rings as **you see**, but not in rings, **as you know.** No, not in the ring. We stand alone in the market and fight the battle for the supremacy of the people. We make the prices, independently of what others sell at and not by the dictates of **rings** and monopolies. That's the reason why we are called the **cutters;** That's the reason why 100,000 people in Collin Co, and surrounding country gather around our banner and recognize us as the **independent merchants** in the Dry Goods trade who lead them to victory with wringing sales.

We Have Received This Week the Following Goods, which Are Now on Sale.

1ST—An invoice of 6,000 pairs SHOES, all samples, shipped from Boston, bought at a discount of.. 57 Per Cent

2ND—An invoice of MEN'S FUR and STIFF HATS, all samples, shipped from St. Souis, bought at a discount of.... 52 Per Cent

3RD—An invoice of 200 LADIES' CAPES, manufacturer's samples, one or two of a kind.

4TH—An invoice of MEN'S FINE CASSIMERE PANTS, some manufactured and some tailror-made, prices from $1.00 up to..... $3.79

5TH—An invoice of MEN'S FINE CLOTHING, $5.00, $5.90, $7.50, $10.00 and..... $11.00

6TH—An invoice of HEAVY BROWN COTTON, yard wide, per yard, at..... 4c

7TH—An invoice of CALICOES, the best grades, price only..... 3½c

8TH—An invoice of MEN'S and BOYS' STIFF HATS and CAPS, marked 38c and..... 50c

9TH—An invoice of MEN'S FINE WOOL UNDERWEAR, marked at 25c, 38c and..... 50c

10TH—An invoice of MEN'S FINE DRES PERCALE SHIRTS, marked price, 2 for..... 75c

11TH—An invoice of ..... FLANNELS

12TH—An invoice of ..... WOOLEN DRESS GOGDS, EIDERDOWN, Etc.

14TH—20 dozen ..... MEN'S MAGKINTOSHES.

WE have placed on sale 15 great lots of Merchandise this week. Each lot means a discount of 33 to 50 per cent to the purchasers; each lot goes toward making good our promise to the people of McKinney to save them $100,000 during the twelve months from January to January. Is there a person in McKinney or within the borders of the state of Texas who denies that we have saved the people that amount? Is there a person who would not be willing to make oath that to all appearances we have made good our promises **twice and thrice** over. If there is one we challenge his answer.

WHAT 25 CENTS WILL BUY THIS WEEK.

Ladies' Black Hose, 8 1-3c quality, this week 7 pairs for..... 25c	Gents' Heavy Canton Flannel Drawers value 42c this week per pair..... 25c	Dress Ginghams value 6 1-4 yd our price this week 8yds for..... 25c	41-4 Grey Single Blankets value 50c our price this week..... 25c	Men's everyday Shirt worth 25c each this week 2 for..... 25c
Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose 12 1-2 quality, 4 pairs for..... 25c	Gents' 4-ply Linen Collars value 10 each our price this week 5 for..... 25c	Fancy Figured Turkey Red prints value 5c yd, our prices this week 8 yds for..... 25c	Misses School Handk'fs value 5c each this week 25 for..... 25c	Mens' Suspenders regular 25c quality this week 3 pair for..... 25c
Ladies' Wool Crochet Shawels, fancy colors, 50c kinds at..... 25c	Gents' 4-ply Linen Cuffs, 15c qualities this week 3 pairs for..... 25c	Large Fancy figures in Ginghams value 6 1-4c this week 8yds for..... 25c	Ladies fancy hemstiched Handk'fs value 6 1-4c each, this week 10 for..... 25c	Men's Black Sox value 10c per pair, this week 5 pairs for..... 25c
Wool Knit Fleeced lined Baby Hoods 50c kinds only..... 25c	Sweet Maiden Soap value 25c per box, this week, 2 boxes for..... 25c	1 Spool Basting Thread 3 Papers pins. 3 Papers Needles. 1 Doz Safty Pins 3 Pack's Hair Pins. 3 Packs Darning Cotton 2 Spools Thread 1 pr. Misses Gloves. 1 Paper Hooks and Eyes. ALL FOR 25c	Extra heavy derby ribed Ladies White Vests full length and swayed to fit..... 25c	Turkey Red Damask value 38c yd, this week we offer it at per yard..... 25c
Gents' Guyot Suspenders 25c kinds, 2 pairs for..... 25c	Broken Java Coffee worth 12 1-2 per lb. We offer 400 lbs at 3 lbs for..... 25c		This week Garter Webbing worth 8 1-3c yd, to the trade, 8 yds for..... 25c	Infants Shoes values 45c, this week we offer 3 doz, pairs at per pair..... 25c
Gents' White Hemstitched Handk'f's value 8 1-3, 6 pairs for..... 25c	Choice 4 varieties of Tea's value 40 to 60 per lb. Choice this week..... 25c		Bova Knee Pants values 15c pair this week 3 pairs for..... 25c	Best quality Ladies' size Envelopes value 5c pack, this week 9 pack for..... 25c
Gents' Grey Knit Fleeced Undershirts and Drawers value 50c each, this week..... 25c	Tablets, values 5c each, this week we offer 10 for..... 25c		Mens' Pants worth 40c to 75c this week they go at per pair..... 25c	

Flannels and Woolens.

White Flannel, value 12 1-2c yd, our price this week..... 8 1-3	All wool Blue Flannels worth 20c yd, we offer this week..... 12 1-2	Fine Line Lincy, worth 12 1-2 and 18c this weeks price 8 1-3, 12 1-2	7 piece fancy Dress Goods neat and nice, values 30c this week..... 19c	20 patterns 34in Cotton Flannel 8oz value 15c our price... 10c
White Flannel, value 18c yd, this weeks price..... 12 1-2	Extra heavy Blue and Red Medicated twill Flannel usual 35c grade, this week..... 20c	**Dress Goods Department.**	23 piece latest thing out in Cotton Fabrics real value 12 1-2c this week price..... 8 1-3	Finest grade opera Flannel for Saques and wrappers real value 60 and 75c this week... 47c
White Flannel all wool, value 25c, this week..... 18c	We offer 27in. 6oz Irish freeze worth 20c, yd, at..... 12c	Wool Filling Dress Goods 18 yd pattern only, 10yd pattern per pattern..... 50c	28 patterns lattest nearly all wool dress good, value from 65c to 1.00 all go at per yd... 50c	Best quality Dress plaids real values at 10 and 12 1-2c our price 9yds..... 75c
All wool Red Flannels, worth 15c yd, we offer this week..... 10c	All colors in Eiderdown worth 50c yd, this weeks price..... 29c	16 piece all wool Serge 36in, wide, worth 50c, this week... 29c		

Lot No. 3

Ladies' Capes, 2.00 grade	$1.25
Ladies' Capes, 2.50 grade	1.50
Ladies' Capes, 3.50 grade	2.50
Ladies' Capes, 5.00 grade	3.50
Ladies' Capes, 6.00 grade	3.98
Ladies' Capes, 7.00 grade	5.00
Ladies' Capes, 10.00 grade	6.50
Ladies' Capes, 12.00 grade	7.50
Ladies' Jackets, 2.00 grade	75c
Ladies' Jackets, 4.00 grade	2.50
Misses' Jackets, 4.00 grade	2.50

Lot No. 5

Men's 10.00 Suits—50 per cent off	$5.00
Men's 11.00 Suits—50 per cent off	5.90
Men's 15.00 Suits—50 per cent off	7.50
Men's 17.00 Suits—50 per cent off	8.50
Men's 20.00 Suits—50 per cent off	10.00
Men's 22.00 Suits—50 per cent off	11.00

Lot No. 2

125 doz. Mens Fine Fur Hats, all high class goods, stiff and fur, Stetsons, Buckskins and other fine goods, choice of this lot at..... $1.50
30 doz men's wool caps..... 25c
15 doz men's stiff hats..... 25c

Lot No. 8

100 doz. Men's Fine Hats, Manufacturers' samples, Wide rims and narrow rims—black and colored; value 18.00 to 24.00 a dozen. We give choice all this week for..... 1.00

Lot No. 4

Men's Work Pants 1-2 off	50c
Men's Blue Overalls, 1-2 off	25c
Men's Heavy Pants, 1-2 off	$1.00
Men's Woolen Pants 1-2 off	1.25
Men's All Wool Pants 1-2 off	1.50
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	1.98
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	2.50
Men's Fine Ppnts, 1-2 off	3.00
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	3.50
Men's Fine Pants, 1-5 off	3.98
Boys' Knee Pants	55
Boys' Knee Pants	38c

Lot No. 12

Elderdown, all wool	29c
Woolen Dress Goods	5c
Woolen Dress Goods	10c
Woolen Dress Goods	12 1-2c
Woolen Dress Goods	18c
Woolen Dress Goods	2
Woolen Dress Goods	33c

Lot 14.

Mens Caps..... 25c
Boys Caps..... 25c
Men's Caps..... 38c
Boys Caps..... 38c

Lot No. 1.

Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	75c
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.00
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.50
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.98
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$2.50
Gents' Work Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.00
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.25
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.50
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.98
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$2.98
Children's Shoes, 57 per cent off	50c
Children's Shoes, 57 per cent off	75c
Children's Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.00

Thread.

Belding's Silk—100 yds. 10c quality..... 5c
Best Spool Cotton 2 for..... 5c

Hosiery.

Men's Black Hose	3c
Men's Heavy Gray Hose 10c. kind	5c
Med's Fine Mixed Hose	5c
Men's Fine Colored Hose, 8 for	25c
Men's Fine Black Hose, 2 for	25c
Ladies' Hose, 5c, 8c 10c 12 1-2c	25c
Misses ribbed Hose 5c 1 1-3c 10, 12 1-2	

Lot No. 13

The 4.50 and 5.90 goods	$2.93
The 6.00 and 7.00 goods	4.50
50 Ladies' Rubber Coats	50c
50 Ladies' Rubber Coats	1.00

Lot No. 10

Men's Percale dress shirts 2 for..... 75c
Men's Fine Percale Dress shirts, 1.25 grades..... 58c
Men's Fine Percale Shirts 75c grades..... 50c
Men's White Dress Shirts 58c

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Boys' Knee Suits 50 per cent off..... 50c
Boys' Knee Suits 50 per cent off..... 1.00
Boys Knee Suits 50 per cent off..... 1.25
Boys Knee Suits 50 per cent off..... 1.50
Boys Knee Suits 50 per cent off..... 2.25
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Lot No. 11

All Wool Flannels	10c
All wool Flannels 20c kinds	15c
All wool Flannels 25c kinds	18c
All wool Flannels 28c kinds	20c
All wool Flannels 30c kinds	25c
All wool Flannels 35c kinds	30c

Overskirts.

2 dozen Wool Overskirts, 35p er cent off..... 75c
5 dozen Wool Overskirts, 35 per cent off..... $1.50
6 dozen Wool Overskirts, 35 per cent off..... $1.75
4 dozen Wool Overskirts 35 per cent off..... $1.98

Lot No. 9

150 dozen Men's Fleeced Underwear manufacturers' end-of-season goods. Not a garment but would sell at 75c your choice..... 50c
100 dozen Men's Red Woolen and Cotton Ribbed Underwear. Everybody sells them at 75c Your choice here..... 38c
120 dozen Men's Heavy Winter Underwear Sold everywhere at 40c and 50c. Choice here..... 25c

Lots No. 6 and 7

Standard Fancy Prints	4c
Standard Indigo Blue Prints	4c
Fancy Prints	3 3-4c
Red Figured Prints	3½c
Flannelettes 4 1-2c, 7c, 8 1-3c and	10c
Yard wide heavy brown cotton	4c
Yard wide heavy bleached cotton	5c
Good fine bleached cotton	6 1-4c
Good bleached cotton	4c

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We have the trees and we have the varieties. And you can have the fruit, wealth and luxury simply by planting and growing them.

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Sole agency for I. W. Harper, Meads, Genuine Canada Rye, Chases Barley Malt, Paul Jones Old Mahogony Rye. Also have in stock Old Crow, Hermitage Guckensheinon, O. F. C., Pure Old Apple and Peach Brandies.
At City Drug Store.

To our country friends: We carry a large, complete and new stock of groceries all the time and invite you to inspect the same. We want your trade. —Goostree & Houston.

To enumerate the varied, useful household articles for sale at the Nickel Store would be too tedious here, but when in McKinney investigate for yourself.

Look at the Estey and Camp & Co., pianos before you buy and be convinced of their superiority to other pianos.
J. T. Couch.

"X" and "Y", two young professional men desire to correspond with two refined young ladies, with a view to mutual improvement and recreation. "X" prefers blonde; "Y" prefers brunette. Full description in first letter. Address "X," or "Y," Box 71, Weatherford, Texas.

OLD DRY GOODS HOUSE FAILS

Ben W. Rhine Files a Chattel Mortgage.--Greenberry Adams Trustee.

Much surprise was occasioned in our city, Monday morning, upon the failure of Ben W. Rhine's dry goods establishment to open its doors as usual.

It was soon learned that Mr. Rhine had filed a chattel mortgage on his stock of goods and ninety acres of land to Greenberry Adams as trustee. The house was one of the oldest concerns in McKinney, the business having been opened under the proprietorship of Abraham Rhine before the war. In the seventies Ben W. Rhine became a partner and afterwards sole proprietor. The preferred creditors are:

Jenkins & Pearson, McKinney, $150; John Johnson, McKinney, $140; taxes, state county and city, $114.04; Mrs. Mariah Rhine Philadelphia, $1690; rent $490; Mrs. Nannie Rhine, McKinney, $480; Miss Adell Rhine, McKinney $290; Crook, Record & Co., Paris $81; Greenberry, Adams, McKinney, $29; Edwin Hankel, McKinney, $22.30; J. D. Page, McKinney $275; T. W. Wiley, McKinney $90; A. Q. Nash, Sherman, $200; Collin County bank $1117.25; Sanger Bros., Dallas, $862.77; Halderback, Friedlander & Co., Cincinnati, O., $1068.65; J. E. Hurst & Co., Baltimore, Md., $1508; Bratt & Shipman, DeKalb, Ill.; $139; North Star Boot and Shoe company, Minneapolis, Minn., $288.70; Swan Abraham Hat company, Louisville, Ky., $152; McKittrick Dry Goods company, St. Louis, Mo., $106.90; Imperial Manufacturing company, New Orleans, La., $140.75; Jackson Woolen Mills, $156; S. & M. Stearn, New York, $131.03. Total, $9722.79.

The Estey piano is taking the lead with sweet clear tone upon the same basis that placed the Estey organ ahead. First class material and superior workmanship. J. T. Couch.

Announcement.

The Nickle Store hereby notifies all that the holidays are coming, and Santa's holding out place in McKinney will be on its counters. Call and pay your respects to him early.

Scholarship for Sale

A scholarship for sale in one of the best business colleges of the state. Call at THE DEMOCRAT

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For sale or trade. Will take $30 cash for outfit or trade for good milch cow. Apply at THE DEMOCRAT office.

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R. R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.

North bound,	Cannon ball	5:21 a. m
"	No 3	9:47 a. m
"	No. 15	12:28 p. m.
"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m
"	No. 16	3:10 p. m
"	No 4	5:53 p. m
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	10. 45 a. m.
Local "	3:00 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	6.25 p. m
Local "	10. 30 a. m

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M. K. & T. Local Holiday Excusions.

For the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway will sell round trip tickets between all points on its line at rate of one and one third fares for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st., 1897, and January 1st., 1898. Good for return until January 3rd., 1898.

Yours truly,
W. G. CRUSH,
G. P. & T. A.

Old Santa has made his first assignment of Christmas toys and the Nickle Store has received it. Call and see the pretty articles.

When you have county or city property to either buy or sell see Byrne Smith & Mack, McKinney, Texas.

Why not buy your next groceries of Goostree & Houston.

Look through the Nickel Store next time you are in McKinney.

DEATHS.

Friday night at his home in South McKinney R. F. Hedgcoxe died after a long illness. In the past few years he suffered several strokes of paralysis, the last one extending over his entire body and depriving him of speech. For many years he has been a resident of this county living most of the time on a farm in West Collin. The deceased was buried at 3 o'clock, Saturday evening, in Pecan Grove cemetery. We extend sympathy to the bereaved wife and children.

A little child of Jim Crockett died on North Kentucky street in this city, Saturday, and buried Saturday at Walnut Grove. The deceased was a grand-child of E. P. Cox. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all in the loss of their little one.

For holiday tricks spend your money at the Nickle Store.

Punctual delivery to any part of the city of all groceries bought at Goostree & Houston.

If you want prosperity's breezes to blow through your whiskers trade at the Nickel Store.

S. W. P., best paint on earth. Covers more, wears longer and looks better. Guaranteed at City Drug Store

Christmas Holiday Excursions to The South East.

On December 21st, and 22nd, the M. K. & T. R. R. will sell round trip tickets to all points in the southeast at a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets good for return 30 days from date sale. Special trains with through coaches will be run from Texas points to the old states. Routes as desired. For rates, time of trains and further particulars, address any M. K. & T., ticket agent, or W. G. Crush, General Passenger & Ticket Agent, Dallas, Tex.

Have you seen the ducks swimming in the gold-fish globes at the Nickle Store?

Buy the purest whiskies and brandies for medical uses. You can get them at City Drug Store.

See Goostree & Houston for wholesale and retail groceries.

PRINCETON PICKUpS

Rev. Boykins Sunday School Institute--Doings of a Busy People.

Nov. 29, 1897.

Bro. Boykin's lectures from Thursday till Sunday night were great. All who failed to hear them missed an intellectual and spiritual treat.

James a Caldwell and family moved last Wednesday to J. P. A. Wallace's farm near Viney Grove. We regret to lose these good people.

Dr. Davis and family have maved from Climax to their new home in North Princeton.

Mrs. Hodge visited in Plano last week.

Mrs. Mead returned from Oklahoma Territory Saturday.

R. L. Waddill has had two new rent houses built on his farm.

Owing to sickness in his family Rev. J. S. Cameron did not fill his third Sunday appointment at the Baptist church.

C. P. Heard and Todd Warden were in Princeton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMurray have gone to Plano to visit relatives before returning to their home in Tennessee.

Rev. D. W. Garvin and family will move next week to Weston. During his three years residence here **Bro.** Garvin has been a useful man, and will be greatly missed. He has done more to advance the Sunday school cause and religious training of the children than any man who has ever lived here. He was the faithful superintendent of the Union Sabbath School as long as it lasted and had charge of the Baptist school since organization, about six months ago. He possesses natural qualifications for a leader, and any community is fortunate that gets him for a citizen.

Bro. Boykin has been here and held the Sunday School Institute and is gone, but the great truths which his fertile intellect presented to this people will abide. With an experience of twenty-five years and natural endowments which fit him admirably for the work, he speaks as a man sent from God to teach. Teach is the word. This was the greatest Scripture educational opportunity that it was ever the writer's fortune to take advantage of, and we regret that we did not get it all. Those of us who thought we had been studying the Holy Book as much and as advantageously as our surroundings would admit come to find out that we had not been doing anything. His ideas and methods for studying and teaching were pointed and impressive. In his lecture Saturday night he dwelt largely on the relation of the Sunday school to the church; and brought out fine points on the relation of the pastor to the church and all her auxiliaries. A pastor is the over seer of the church, the choir, the Sunday school, the prayer meeting and the missionary societies. The preacher's calling is the highest in all the world. We should respect and reverence them as God's high priest. He refers us to the following passages of Scripture to learn our duty toward a pastor, and admonishes parents to never criticise, harshly their pastor in the presence of children: Acts. 20, 28; 1st Peter 5:2-3; 1st Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13, 7, 17.

The two Sabbath schools of this village met together at the Baptist church at 9.30 Sunday morning under Bro. Boykins instruction as how to hear a lesson. Then his sermon to parents and children on a model home at 11 o'clock was soul stirring! O, the neglect! the neglect! on the part of parents in training their children in regard to their souls salvation. He lectured at 3 o'clock especially to the children, and made his closing talk at night on how to conduct a school. His collection for the Board and Colportage work was not as large as it should have been.

The writer and wife returned this morning from Dallas where they had been attending the North Texas Conference. As this was our first visit to an Annual conference of course everything was new to us, and we feel like we have witnessed the grandest event of our life. Methodists can never know what they miss in not being at these sessions of our church work until they go once and see for themselves. Saturday night we heard Dr. J. J. Tygert, book editor of the Publishing house at Nashville. Sunday at 11 o'clock we were among the great throng that listened to Bishop Granberry in one of his best sermons. Sunday night at the first church again, we heard Rev. M. H. Neely a transfer from Denver, Colorado. But the most glorious service that we attended was at the Dallas Rescue Home at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Our hearts and souls were baptized with the Holy spirit when fourteen of those sin blighted girls looked through the gloom of a dark past to the cross and beheld the radience of our blessed redeemer's countenance shining forth pityingly, lovingly, and with groans and shouts and thanksgiving accepted him as their mediator and Savior, all sufficient to cleanse and make them pure again. O! it was good to be there! What is more beautiful than the countenance of a lost soul redeemed by the blood of Christ? The work of those noble faithful Christian women who have labored night and day for the success of the permanent establishment of this home for their fallen sisters is bearing fruit an hundred fold, and a crown of righteousness is laid up in Heaven for them. See them take those girls to their hearts, love and caress them as their own children and you will say Christ and the love of God dwells in their souls. I may write more at another time, in regard to the Rescue Home. As conference is still in session we do not know who our pastor will be for another year. Anna Mission has been dissolved. In our next will give data concerning this change.

VERONA VOICE.

Christmas Tree Will Be Given—An Elopement.

Verona, Nov. 29th '97.

After two months absence T. L. Bailey is home again.

M. N. and A. C. Stroup have just completed a residence for C. W. Noyes, northeast of McKinney.

J. A. Carter is recovering from a spell of chills and fever.

Pink J. Lee, one of the necessary adjuncts of the establishment of J. W. St. Clair in Blue Ridge, was "doing" Verona yesterday.

Miss Minerva Glass the efficient teacher of Needmore school paid our singing school a visit one night last week.

Whenever Verona speaks something happens. The Sunday school has spoken and a great big Christmas tree will be a thing of the past after Dec. 24th. The people in general are invited to assist in making it a success by placing something on it for their friends and relatives.

Miss Muril Stewart and Jas. R. Aycock eloped Saturday night, got married returning in time next morning to recite their Sunday school lessons. Their action is commendable. They are domiciled under the parental roof and the angel of peace has made her nest in the home.

D. W. LEIGH.

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Crowds on Crowds Hurrying to get First Picking from the

Big $15000 Ben W. Rhine Stock

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Articles too numerous to mention must be CLOSED OUT IN 30 DAYS. All goods on sale at prices that make the makers shiver. Everything must go in that period

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Qualities unequaled in McKinney. Now is your opportunity to make your winter purchases

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GOOD HEALTH

comes from good blood. Bad blood means Dyspepsia, Nervous Prostration, General Debility, Backache and Liver and Kidney Troubles. Invigorate your body by taking

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic

The only known remedy containing iron in its proper form for use as a tonic and blood purifier. Read the accompanying from one who used Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic and was restored to good health.

Testimonial.
Washington, D. C., March 25, 1897.
Gentlemen:
I sincerely thank you for the gratifying and beneficial results I have obtained from the use of your celebrated Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic in my household, which I consider an invaluable medicine for building up the system. From my own personal experience with same, I unhesitatingly recommend it as a thoroughly reliable medicine. Its curative properties in my estimation are unequalled.
H. S Shepard,
Bus. Mgr. Farmers' Magazine.
Sold everywhere. Sample dose of Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills and Book of Dreams mailed free.
HARTER, Dayton, Ohio.

LOCAL NEWS

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Miss Logan has returned to Abilene.

R. V. Daughetee went to Gainesville Saturday on a business trip.

O! My!! Go and sample that "New Crop" La.. Syrup at Mate Barnett's.

Hon. J. L. Dogget has returned from the Territory.

Toys to please the little one's at the Nickel Store.

Miss Florence Spradley spent Sunday with her parents in Allen.

Window glass, large and small to suit all at City Drug Store.

Wade Bristol, of Denison, was here last week. He is a brother of R. E. Bristol, the druggist.

Miss Attie Cartwright is a guest at the home of county Treasurer Saunders.

For bargains in groceries see Goostree & Houston, McKinney, Texas.

Dr. J. P. Webster spent Sunday with his friend C. M. Christie of Allen.

Stationary and full line of scrap books at Nickle Store.

All the latest things in Wall Paper at City Drug Store.

S. J. B. Plemmons returned Saturday evening from the North Texas conference.

R. L. Parker, the well known McKinney Shoemaker, has been kept away from his shop recently by sickness.

Backache, Sprains Bruises, Cuts, Rheumatism speedily cured by using Hunt's Lightning Oil Failing, money refunded.

Misses Clark and Desda Reedy visited their father, Dr. Reedy and family, in Denham, Sunday.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other $1. bottles, and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to give entire satisfaction Try it costs nothing if not saisfied.

Go the Nickel Store, first door west of the post office.

George Coffey, a Valdasta farmer, has been under treatment of McKinney doctors recently for the sore eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sherwood were visiting here from Hilltown the latter part of last week.

The city trade will remember that it can find the freshest and best qualities of anything in the way of groceries at Goostree & Houston's.

Little 3-year-old Ina, daughter of S. H. Cole is recovering from a month's lness of fever.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store.

Mrs. J. H. Walton's guests, Miss Audie Melton, returned to Sherman Sunday evening.

All the Talk now is Christmas.
Some Desirable and Useful

Christmas Presents

Can be Found at SMITH BROS, Drug Store.

Pocket Knives and Razors

Are appreciated by most any boy or young man. We carry some of the best lines that are guaranteed.

Fine Perfumery in Handsome Packages.

Handsome Cut Glass Bottles filled with delicate oders.

Hair and Cloth Brushes

The largest stock in town from 25c to $3.50 each

Half Dozen Fine Writing Tablets

With Envelopes to match.

Fancy Boxes of Soap

From 15 cents to 1.25 a box of three cakes.

Puffboxes, Hand Mirrors, Whistbrooms

A large stock to select from.

FANCY PERFUME ATOMIZERS from 75c to $3.

FACE POWDER from 10c to $1.00 per box.

GOLD SPECTACLES from 5.50 to $10.

LADIES & MENS POCKET BOOKS from 35c to 1.50.

CIGARS, CIGARS We handle more brands of ten and 2c Cigars than any other store in McKinney. By the box of fifty we can sell you good cigars at $2.00, 2.25, 2.75, 3.00 3.50, 5.00 and 6.50. In boxes of 100 can sell you $4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 10.00 and 11.00.

KODACKS. If you want something that will afford your family and yourself a whole lot of pleasure buy one of our Kodacks. We have them in stock from $5 00 to $10. It does not require much practice to take good pictures. For anything to be found in a well assorted drug store call on us.

Smith Bros.

A letter from Hugh McDonald to a McKinney friend dated Nov. 24th, says a big snow fell in New York the 21st. Hugh is attending school at Cornell University and evidently contemplates the intense winter cold of that latitude with dread judging from the tone of his letter.

Farmers, take your produce to Goostree & Houston for highest prices. They will also sell you the cheapest groceries.

Spend your nickel at the Nickle Store.

Drs. Largent and Hunn were summoned to Greenville one day last week to perform a delicate operation on a lady McKinney's medical fraternity has a reputation for skill extending beyond local bounds.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of Itch, Tetter, Ringworms, Itching Piles, Eczema known. Price 50c.

Miss Emma Hollander assistant Johnson teacher orders THE DEMOCRAT to her address at Altoga.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal. are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by City Drug Store.

Prof Roy Standefer was at the county capital, Saturday. He is principal of Sedalia High School and favored The DEMOCRAT job office with a stationary order.

[illegible] and Eczema.
[illegible] and smarting inci[illegible] disease is instantly allayed by using Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package.

Rev. Jerry Martin and wife, of Walnut Grove, and J. A. Rogers and wife of this city returned Monday from Conference at Dallas.

An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of most of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Browns' Iron Bitters. The remarkable cures effected by this famous remedy are sufficient to prove the theory correct. Browns' Iron Bitters are sold by all dealers.

Purest old whisky, apple and peach brandies at the City Drug Store.

J T. Melton was in McKinney Monday after lumber to build a new barn on the old Melton farm near Rowlett Creek church.

NO CURE--NO PAY.

That is the way all druggists sel GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price 50c.

Immense stock of groceries for selections at Goostree & Houstons.

WHAT Dr. A. E. SALTER SAYS:

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Gents:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced consumption, I am prepared to say is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

J. W. Damron, an old Collin citizen and reader of this paper, sends us cash from Silo, I. T., for renewal of his subscription. He is now a resident of that place.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss.
Lucas County.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
{seal} A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c, Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Our esteemed Rhea's Mill friend, Mr. S. Gentle called on us, Monday, and while present took occasion to have the date of his subscription expiration placed forward almost to the dawn of 1899. Such tokens of confidence are cheering and ever in order.

When wear begins to exceed repair in your body you are going to fall sick. The signs of it are loss of flesh, paleness, weakness, nervousness, etc. The repair needed is food. You think you eat enough, and yet you feel that you wear out more tissue, energy, nerve force than your food makes for you. The difficulty is that you do not digest enough. And this is so serious it is worth sitting down seriously to think about. If you can't digest what you eat, take a few doses of Shaker Digestive Cordial. The effect of it will be to increase your flesh and make you feel stronger. You won't fall sick. Proof that it is in control of your repair apparatus. It's easy enough to test this for yourself. Take a few bottles of Shaker Digestive Cordial. Sold by druggists at 10 cents to $1 per bottle.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4.50 to 5.25
Wheat per bus	90to 92cts.
Corn per bus	28 to 30cts.
Oats per bus	21 to 22cts
Hay baled per ton	$5.50 to $6.50
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.40 to $3.75.
Cotton seed per ton	$6.00 to $6.50.
Baled Oats per ton	$6.50.
Meal per bus	40 to 45cts.
Straw per ton	$5.00
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	10 to 15cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.25 to $2.75.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $2.50.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to $2.25.
Irish Potatoes, per bu	75 to 80cts.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.
Turnips, per bu	50cts.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Doctors Say;
Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels.
The Secret of Health.
The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.
Tutt's Liver Pills
Cure all Liver Troubles.

"Excursion Rates to your old home in the South-East. H. & T. C. Agents will sell Round Trip Tickets December 21st aud 22nd good 30 days at One Fare to points in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Florida, North and South Carolina."
C. W. Bein, Traffic Mgr. M. L. Robbins, G. P. & T. A.

T. B. Wilson took suddenly ill, Saturday night, and remained in a serious condition for two or three days. He is improving now we are glad to learn.

Stop that Cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c. bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Mrs. Lola Taylor, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Wade for several weeks past, left Tuesday on her return home at Waxahachie She went by way of Denton where she is visiting her husbands parents.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Mrs. Lillie Cantrell departed yesterday for home in Brentwood, Cal., after visiting her sister Mrs. John Thompson in McKinney.

Thomas Huddleston and Miss Julia Pullen were married on the 27th ult by Eld. Jno. M. McKinney. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, six miles east of McKinney.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

W. D Davis, wife and daughter, Miss Joe, left Monday for Rosenberg, Texas, on a visit to their daughter and sister, Mrs. C. P. Ware. Their stay in South Texas may be prolonged to several weeks.

How to prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine it is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief. This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe, we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store.

County Judge W. H. Brummett of Armstrong county renews for THE DEMOCRAT until September 1898. The Judge was formerly of this county where he still has hosts of friends.

Ed Smith, Parvin merchant, and lady were visitors at the home of R. L. Ray Tuesday night.

Dr. T. W. Wiley and Senator J. R. Gough attended the funeral of Judge Herring in Waco Sunday.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy: sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Contractors Padgitt and Higgins have completed a cozy cottage for Prof. I. A. Armstrong in northwest McKinney.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

J. L. Bowen desires to keep abreast of Collin county school news and in order to do so he subscribed for the THE DEMOCRAT, Saturday Mr. Bowen is teacher in charge of Lavon school.

Sunday afternoon No. 16 south bound passenger on the Central was pelted with rocks near Van Alstyne. Several windows were smashed and a lady passenger slightly injured by one of the missives. Sheriff Coffey was on the train, which was stopped, but the culprits eluded the officer and escaped.

Letter List.

Anderson Laura	Brown Bettie
Bates Aurora	Barrett Vic
Benge Walter	Bomar Joe
Brottiel Emey	Folkner Fannie
Howard Mary	Kemp Clara
Lane Annie	Mason Pabbie
Miller Nora	
Abbott Eph	Bowmer Peter
Campbell John	Drake Richard
Hardin J C	Harmon Peter
Henson Jeff	Hoard Monroe
Jankson Jam	Lane Bud
Lark Cowan	Lawrence J S
Lefiles H G	Mathews Chas
Mitchel W J	Moses H D W
More John	Nichols Mr
Roach G W	Scott W W
Tucker T P	White R P
Williams J W	

Persons calling for letters in this list please say advertised.

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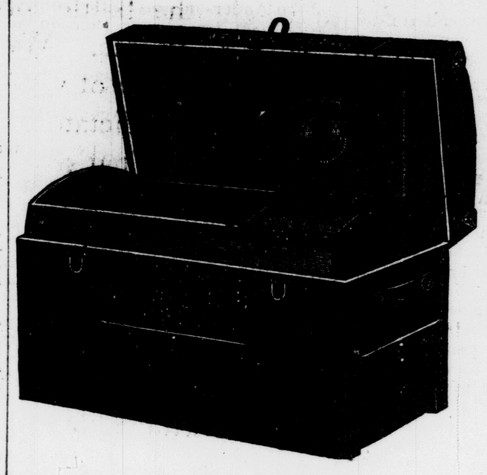
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR.
PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Lime or Alum. Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

A Xmas Present

For You at

THE MISSISSIPPI STORE

With every $20 worth of goods purchased of us at one time by one person, we will give one of these nice, solid zinc, sheet iron bottom



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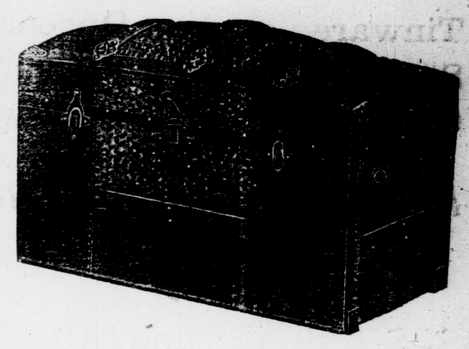

This Offer Holds Good Untill January 1, 1898.

You know us well enough to know that the prices on our goods WILL NOT BE INCREASED A PENNY, but on the other hand

The Prices are Greatly Reduced

On a large portion of our Winter Goods, and this present is given to show our appreciation of your splendid patronage, and to prevent us, if possible, from carrying any heavy stuff over to next Season. Remember, we have a

First Class Stock, Clean, Fresh Goods

And we are in a position to sell you as cheap or cheaper than any house in McKinney.

See our cut prices on clothing. Big stock Good Shoes

33 1-3 Per Cent Discount on all Jackets.

COME TO SEE US. WE WILL TREAT YOU RIGHT.

MURPHY & CO.

Jno. T. Nale Talks

Call at J. T. Nales and buy Queensware cheaper than anywhere else.

Window Shades cheap at J. T. Nales.

Nice Suit of Furniture at J. T. Nale's for $16.00.

J. T. Nale has the largest line of Rocking Chairs and the cheapest in North Texas.

J. T. Nale will set you up in housekeeping cheaper than anybody else.

Lamps at J. T. Nales all kinds and very cheap.

You are invited to call and see the most beautiful line of Fancy China Goods ever seen in McKinney, and they are going to be sold regardless of cost at J. T. Nale's.

Window Shades cheap at J. T. Nales.

Mrs. J. H. Ferguson and daughter, Miss Mary, and Mrs. J. H., Wofford returned from Dallas, Saturday.

The statements of those who have been cured by Hoods Sarsaparilla prove the great merit of this medicine. Get only Hood's.

Just received, one car load of **Fresh Portland Cement**; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' **Lumber Yard.**

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' **Lumber Yard** for Vane Calvert **Palace Car Colors**, the best paint "on earth;" also Collier's White Lead, **Pure** Linseed oil, Brushes, Window glass, etc.

Does it pay? Yes, because in case Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded. Try a bottle.

I. E. Bates has a quantity of dead timber on his place three miles north of town to give away to anyone wanting fire wood.

SOUTHERN TEXAS.

Letter From J. L. Mays--Big Emigration from Old Collin--His Faith in Populism.

Hempstead, Tex., Nov. 27, '97.

ED DEMOCRAT:—As friends in old Collin requested me before leaving to let them hear from our party. I now write this short communication to THE DEMOCRAT.

When our party left the Free Grass community there were nine wagons and forty-seven people in it, but before we got here our accessions along the route ran the number up to seventeen wagons and seventy-four people. We were on the road fourteen days and had fine weather and roads with the exception of one rain storm.

We halted six miles south of Hempstead, Waller county, where we have rented land for next year. We are all very well pleased with our location here. The soil is mostly of the red sandy loam variety, rich and fertile. The range is good, and plenty of good water. Blackberry briers are a natural growth here and some of the vines measure almost twenty feet in length. There is plenty of land here to rent and lots of people coming south. Corn is worth 40 cents per bushel. Much land is cultivated by negroes but landlords rent to whites in preference when they get a chance, as the negroes are poor farmers. I am living fifty miles northwest of Houston and in sight of the great negro college, Texans hear so much about. The poor whites envy the negroes in the benefits of this school. The wind is blowing very strongly from the north this morning and doubtless you folks up there are having good hog killing weather.

Nearly all settling here now are populists. Of our crowd of seventy-four, seventeen were voters and all pops. Hurrah for our party. It is growing all the time and its recruits are from the intelligent of the masses. Honest, industrious farmers—the quality of rank-and-file which make any party invincible and gives victory in the end.

With greetings to you and all my Collin friends, I am,

Very truly,
J. L. MAYS.

Shrader-Rogers.

At the residence of B. L. Rogers near Bethel Sunday Nov. 28, Miss Ada Rogers and Booker Shrader were happily married in the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives. Rev. H. P. Shrader, brother of the groom, performed the ceremony. Both the contracting parties are members of prominent Collin families and are held in the highest esteem. The bride is a daughter of B. L. Rogers and the groom is deputy tax assessor of this county and a brother of assessor Fount Shrader May wreaths of happiness forever encircle their sacred union in matrimonial bonds and prosperity attend their footsteps.

BIG REDUCTION.

FOR 20 DAYS

McKinney & Hill will sell you harness and saddles cheaper than ever before on account of change in business. To satisfy yourself call and see them, when you need anyin their line.

New Saddles Exchanged for Old Ones.
Old Saddles and Harness Repaired.
McKINNEY & HILL.

Stock Pasture To Rent.

I am prepared to furnish good stock pasture, 3 miles north of McKinney, on McKinney and Melissa road. Rates reasonable.
I. E. BATES.

For Sale or Trade.

A pony, second hand buggy and harness. Will trade for milch cow, cord wood, or most anything else. Call at THE DEMOCRAT office.

Octogenarian Dead.

J. K. Moreland, aged 81, died rather suddenly Friday night at the home of his son, Ike Moreland, near Altoga and was buried next day in Altoga cemetery. Rev. Vermillion conducted services at the grave. About 16 years ago the deceased came to Collin county from Tennessee. The following children survive him Mrs. M. J. Harvey, Hill county Tex.; J. A., I. T. and T. J. Moreland of Altoga and Mrs. Mattie Lee of Weatherford, Tex. He was a faithful member of the Baptist church and Rev. Dunn of that denomination will preach his funeral on the 12th at the Altoga church.

Trustee Sale.

R. C. Merritt, trustee, will sell the entire V. C. Coleman bankrupt Jewelry stock at retail for cash. Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., are going at a great sacrifice. Here is your chance for holiday goods.

November Rainfall.

Rainfall in November, 1897, as kept by C. B. Moore at Ad Valorem, six miles north of McKinney, Collin Co., Texas:

	Inches.
Nov. 15	.2500
" 24 and 25	.2500
Total	.5000

Dr. Ben E. Tarpley [illegible] and I. E. Webb have [illegible] and are located [illegible] Collin County [illegible] street.

J. P. DOWELL . . .

The veteran McKinney Merchant wants your

Holiday Trade!

HIS BIG THREE STORY BRICK CONTAINS A MAMMOTH STOCK OF

Hardware	Silverware
Woodenware	Chinaware
Tinware	Queensware
Stoves	Frenchware
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Immense Line of Lamps.

See The

SPECIALTIES and NOVELTIES

Artistically Displayed in Big Show Windows.

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CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR, BIRTHDAY, WEDDING GIFTS.

For Childhood, Youth, Maturity, Old Age.

PEOPLE FROM FAR AND NEAR COME ANNUALLY TO VIEW THIS PANORAMA OF

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Respectfully,

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Oldest Restaurant in ollin County.

Regular Meals, Lunches. Short Orders at all hours.

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BEST BREAD, CAKES, ETC., IN THE CITY.

Prompt Delivery. Special Rates to country dealers, picnics, entertainments. Your patronage solicited.

THOMPSON BROS., Proprietors.

AMERICAN BEAUTY.

Women of America have a type of beauty peculiar to themselves. The climate, habits and social peculiarities have combined to produce a type of womanhood quite distinct from the women of other countries. It has become almost an every day occurrence for the nobility and royal blood of Europe to cross the water in search of an American beauty, for the United States has become famous thro' out the world. The American beauty is a peculiar product of this country. She has, however, one formidable enemy, not only to her beauty, but to her health as well. That enemy is indigenous to the climate and soil of the United States. It is called Catarrh. Almost every woman has it in mild or severe forms. Our climate makes it well nigh unavoidable. It is the only natural enemy the American woman has. Not only is the United States the home of catarrh, but it is also the home of the now world famous catarrh remedy, Pe-ru-na. The medical profession has at last succeeded in devising a remedy for the well nigh universal disease.

Dr. Hartman, the original compounder of Pe-ru-na, has a recent book on chronic catarrh which he will send free to any address for a short time. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug M'f'g Co., Columbus, O.

Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1898.

GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Reader of The Democrat.

The strike in the Illinois coal fields is broken.

Not a single American is now in jail at Havana.

Two hundred cloakmakers are on a strike in New York.

Brazil has approved the plan to arbitrate her troubles with France.

The trial of Martin Thorn was resumed at Long Island City and a number of witnesses examined.

Dr. Moore, one of the oldest Masons in Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia, Nov. 26.

Municipal elections in Belfast resulted in the election of six laborers and eight nationalists.

Austian steamer Tokio was sunk off Dungeness by the British steamer Tharon Androsan.

The record of the court martial in the case of Capt. Lovering has not yet reached Washington.

The general officers of the Mobile and Ohio have been removed from St. Louis back to Mobile.

The steamer Bear left Seattle on her way to relieve the ice-bound whaling fleet in the Arctic ocean.

Wisconsin was visited by the first snow storm of the season, Friday.

Arrests are still being made in Brazil of persons charged with conspiracy to assassinate the president.

George R. Horn, for many years secretary of the American Philosophical society, died at Philadelphia, Friday.

The Mississippi levee, protecting a section of Algiers, has caved in and the government has been appealed to for help.

Hon. Hannis Taylor postponed his lecture on Spain to the students of the Catholic university at Georgetown, D. C

Col. George B. Abute, a prominent mining man of Telluride, Col., is missing and his friends fear he has been murdered.

Ross W. Lathaw, a prominent politician of Kansas City, has been arrested charged with attempting to bribe a juror in the Jackson murder trial.

Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, of Lithonia, Ga., says that his daughter, Ida, inherited a severe case of Eczema, which the usual mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines, external applications and internal remedies, without result. Her sufferings were intense, and her condition grew steadily worse. All the so-called blood remedies did not seem to reach the disease at all until S. S. S. was given, when an improvement was at once noticed. The medicine was continued with favorable results, and now she is cured sound and well, her skin is perfectly clear and pure and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever.

S.S.S. (*guaranteed purely vegetable*) cures Eczema, Scrofula, Cancer, Rheumatism, or any other blood trouble. It is a real blood remedy and always cures even after all else fails.

A Real Blood Remedy.

Take a *blood remedy* for a blood disease; a tonic won't cure it.

Our books on blood and skin diseases mailed free.

S. S. S.

Joe Claybrook is charged with stabbing Jep Harris to death last week at Morgan, Tex.

The Croswell, Ford county, Tex., college building was burned Friday night.

The Patterson-Carmack congressional contest at Memphis has been thrown out of court.

Brooke Jackson, a negro laborer, was killed by unknown parties in East Dallas Sunday.

Near Winchester, Ky., on Nov. 27 two men were killed in a railroad wreck.

Last week in Dallas L. E. Williams was given 99 years in the penitentiary for wife murder.

John T. Rankin was shot and killed in Austin Saturday by Policeman Grizzard. No cause assigned.

John Anderson was killed on the railroad track near Denison last week.

Campbell Smith, an aged recluse, was found dead in his home at Beatrice, Neb. last week.

The Irish National alliance will send a petition to the United States senate protesting against the arbitration treaty.

Sales of coffee last week have broken all records as the result of the war between the Arbuckles and the Woolson spice mills.

All the wire and nail companies in the country will consolidate. J. Pierpont Morgan will probably be chairman of the board of directors.

Mrs. Caroline Abke, aged 70 years, who lived alone near Leavenworth, Kan., was found dead in her house. She had been choked to death by burglars.

Senator Caffery of Louisiana announces that he will fight Hawaiian anexation as long as he can, Senator Cockrell of Missouri also opposes annexation.

United States Senator Bates of Tennesse visited Texas last week. He has a married daughter and property interests at Grand View.

At Middletown, Ohio, last week a horse plunged over a bridge and drowned Misses Mary and Katie Seaman in fifteen feet of water.

Mrs. Pauline Merry was choked into insensibility by her husband in Chicago last week who then beat her brains out with a poker.

R. H. Rochester, Treasurer of the Western Union Telegraph company, died suddenly at Englewood, N. J. Saturday night.

J. G. Babin, a stoor keeper at St. Gabriel, La., was murdered by a negro on the night of the 27ult. Robbery was the motive.

Charles Anderson, a Gonzales Texas negro, was killed Saturday night by unknown parties at a church supper.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Madison Stookey, of Bellville, Ill., was found dead under a trestle on the 26ult.

Judge M. D. Herring died at Waco Friday. He was an old Texas landmark and prominent Odd Fellow since before the ante Bellum days.

Allen Price died of hydrophobia at Blossom, Lamar county, Tex., Nov. 28. He was a prosperous young farmer and was bitten by a mad-dog forty days before.

A brace of negro lynchings occurred in Georgia Friday. One for outrage and the other for stealing a mule.

The republican fusion members of the Ohio legislature have decided to support the republican caucus nominee for United States senator.

Prairie fire is sweeping over New Mexico in the vicinity of Clayton. Thousands of sheep are in danger and are being rushed to places of safety.

The news of the reported refusal of the Canadian authorities to agree to a modus vivendi to stop killing seals, has been received at Washington.

Thursday at Sherman J. K. Turney, a Grayson county farmer, securred marriage permits for the tripple weddings of his three children—two daughters and a son. The eldest daughter was seventeen and son under age.

Miss Lowry of Michigan has gone to Missouri to organize the Missouri girls into anti-tobacco leagues, whose members will pledge themselves not to marry any man that defiles himself with the noxious weed.

A famine of food supplies is said to already exist at Dawson City. The stores have been closed on account of their stock being disposed, the closing out being at fabulous prices and much suffering among the Klondike gold hunters will follow this winter. The cargo of one of the latest steamers consisted of whiskey and billiard balls. Danger from fever is also imminent.

A runaway accident occurred near Pilot Point last week, in which one life was lost. Jas. Rorer's team ran away and threw Rorer out, slightly injuring him. Further down the road Rorer's little 6-year-old boy was in the middle of the road playing, and being unable to get out of the way was run over by the maddened horses and almost instantly killed. It was only about five-minutes

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BIG DAMAGE SUIT

Filed in Fort Worth by Mrs. Tull Against the G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.—Grew Out of Death of Her Husband at Wylie.

Our readers will remember the death of Mr. W. T. Tull, who died in this city on the 25th day of last June, after a month's illness with fever. Mr. Tull was sent here by the G. C. & S. F. Railway company to take the position of agent here in place of O. J. Kenyon, whose sickness had caused his removal to the railroad hospital at Temple. Mrs. Tull has just begun a heavy damage suit against the said company, alleging that their negligence was responsible for the death of her husband. The following special from Fort Worth gives the particulars:

Fort Worth, Nov. 20.—In the seventeenth district court today suit was instituted by Mrs. W. T. Tull against the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway company for $25,255. This suit is out of the ordinary actions for damages.

The petition alleges that on and prior to the 1st of last May the defendant road owned and maintained a depot house and station at Wylie, in Collin county. That the station and premises were originally negligently constructed, and especially by permitting originally the ground from two sides of said station and house to stand and slope several feet downward converging in a common point directly under the center of said depot house, and it was permitted so to remain, and a filthy pool was formed by reason of negligence. That in the original making of said depot house defendant placed at one end of said station house a large receptacle and water tank into which quantities of water were by defendant allowed to drain and accumulate for the use and consumption of defendant's employes. That notwithstanding the tank had been constructed several years prio to the time of the alleged wrong, yet the same, it is alleged was never cleaned out from the time of its construction until the last illness and death of plaintiff's husband. That the contaminated water with malarial poisons caused the death of plaintiff's husband, W. T. Tull he having taken sick on May 20, 1897, and died the 25th day of June following. That plaintiff's husband was receiving a salary of $75 per month; that his funeral expenses were $100, his drug and medical account $25, doctors' bills and nurses $130, and the petition closes with the prayer for $25,255.—Wylie Rustler.

J. R. Lewis has been appointed postmaster at Aubrey in Denton county. There was another applicant for the office, but Lewis was appointed, it is said, on the recommendation of J. B. Schmitz and County Chairman H. R. Lyons.

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Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

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Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in McKinney, this 6th day of Nov. A. D. [illegible]

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